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Mr. Carter Strickland
Commissioner
NYC Department of Environmental Protection
59-17 Junction Boulevard
Flushing, New York 11373

Re: Storage of W. 48th Street Water Main Trunk (MED599) Construction Materials

Dear Mr. Strickland:

Manhattan Community Board 4 respectfully requests the relocation of unauthorized W. 48th Street Water Main Trunk (Project ID: MED599) construction materials from W. 48th Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues to the currently unused portion of the NYC Department of Environmental Protection site located on Tenth Avenue between W. 48th and W. 49th Streets.

This extensive five-year water main trunk construction project stretches between W. 48th and W. 51st Streets, and through Ninth and Tenth Avenues. Much of the construction materials are stored on the streets adjacent to the water trunk main construction. The community understands that the NYC Department of Design and Construction must use some street surface as storage space, but that privilege is still subject to proper NYC Department of Transportation permitting process. Most recently, the NYC Department of Transportation confirmed that the W. 48th Street storage of construction materials was unauthorized.

Manhattan Community Board 4 respectfully asks that you consider placing some of the construction materials at the DEP site located on Tenth Avenue between W. 48th and W. 49th Streets. Perhaps the DEP site could store a portion of construction materials not in immediate use.

It has been reported DDC construction materials have already been stolen from the unsecured street storage. That large site is secure, off the street and next to the Water Main Trunk Project area. We understand that this project is a coordinated effort between the NYC Department of Design & Construction and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. We believe using the DEP Tenth Avenue site as a secure storage area for the full duration of this construction project is preferable to creating potentially unsafe conditions in front of people's homes.

We look forward to sustained and productive conversation on W. 48th Street Water Main Trunk Project.

Sincerely,



Corey Johnson
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